

## ARGUMENTS/COMMENTS

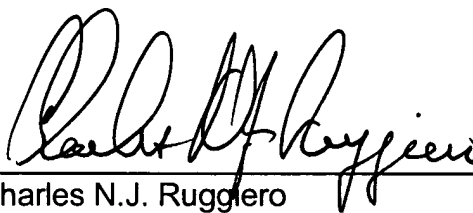
Claims 1 through 10 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 through 4 have been amended by this preliminary amendment to bring the claims in conformance with current U.S. patent practice. Claims 5 and 6 have been canceled and represented as new claims 8 and 10, respectively.

The amendments to the claims have not added any new matter. Also, are these amendments were not made for the purpose of defining over the prior art and thus the full equivalence for each element of each claim is still available to the applicant.

The amendments to the claims and the abstract have been made to bring the application in conformance with current U.S. patent practice.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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